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Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates
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RADIO MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Memorandum on Radio Broadcasting
Dec. 15, 1921.

The U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates desires the greatest dissemination of its reports by radio telephone and telegraph, and will approve the broadcasting of such information under certain conditions by public educational institutions and private concerns.

The granting of licenses is a function of the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce. However, in considering requests for special broadcasting licenses, the Bureau of Navigation has requested the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates to make recommendations of the stations to which should be granted licenses to broadcast crop and market reports.

In order to safeguard its interests and serve the public to the greatest possible extent, the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates desires that reports be broadcast on regular published schedules which it has approved and that the telegraphic operating be done by a competent operator holding at least a First Class, Commercial license.

In order to be sure of the accurate and effective reception of the reports, the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates requests each broadcasting agency to secure the names of as many operators as possible who are successfully copying the reports. It is requested that a copy of the list of these receiving stations be sent to the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The interest of the Department of Agriculture in radio communication is a part of its search for the most efficient methods of disseminating useful crop, market and weather information collected and prepared by its corps of specialists. The achievement of a method of radio communication is not the ultimate goal. The real object is the distribution of information, and radio appears to be one of the quickest means to that end.

Because of the constant changes in all phases of radio activities everyone interested should feel that all arrangements made by official or private organizations are more or less tentative and subject to changes and modifications in the process of general development.

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